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SUBJECT: ITU: REGIONAL LF/MF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE AND
US PARTICIPATION

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1. AS INSTRUCTED TEL ATT CALLED ON ITU DSYG BUTLER ON APRIL 4
TO CONVEY VIEWS SET FORTH IN REFTEL AND TO POSE QUESTIONS RAISED.
WILL CALL ON SYG MILI WHEN HE RETURNS TO GENEVA NEXT WEEK FROM
ACC MEETING.

2. IN GENERAL BUTLER FEELS US OBLIGATION TO SPEAK FOR ITS
GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IN REGION III DICTATED BY PARA 152, ARTICLE 44,
OF TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION. HE RECOGNIZES POLITICAL NATURE OF
ANY US DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN REGION III MEETINGS AND
RESPECTS US WISH NOT TO FORECLOSE OPTION OF REQUESTING SUCH
REPRESENTATION AT FUTURE TIME WHEN INTERESTS OF US TERRITORIES
IN REGION III DIRECTLY AFFECTED. HE RECOGNIZES THAT SINCE
TORREMOLINOS US WILL IN ITS OWN NAME REPRESENT ITS
TERRITORIES OUTSIDE OF REGION II AND UNDERSTANDS FULLY REASON
WHY US DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND OBSERVER DEL TO REGIONAL LF/MF
CONFERENCE THIS FALL. HE FEELS OVERALL QUESTION OF REPRESENTATION
OF US TERRITORIES LOCATED IN REGION III AT ITU
REGIONAL MEETINGS REQUIRES FURTHER STUDY.

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3. WITH REFERENCE TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR UN TRUST TERRITORIES ADMINISTERED BY THE US, BUTLER NOTES THAT ARTICLE 75 OF UN CHARTER GIVES UN RIGHT TO SPEAK FOR ITS TRUST TERRITORIES. NEVERTHELESS BUTLER RECOMMENDS THAT US SUBMIT ITS FREQUENCY REQUESTS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM AND THE UN PACIFIC TRUST TERRITORIES ADMINISTERED BY THE US DIRECTLY TO ITU UNDER OVERALL PROVISIONS OF PARA 152 OF ARTICLE 44 OF THE TORREMOLINOS CONVENTION.

4. BUTLER HAS STRONG CAUTIONS REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF ANY "UNOFFICIAL TEAM" AT FALL LF/MF CONFERENCE, PARTICULARLY IF TEAM IS AS LARGE AS FIVE. HE BELIEVES THAT IF ALL FIVE ARE IN THE HALL OR IN THE VISITORS' GALLERY AT ONE TIME FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, CERTAIN DELEGATIONS WILL MURMUR "WHY DOESN'T US PARTICIPATE AS AN OBSERVER DEL AND PAY ITS FAIR SHARE OF THE CONFERENCE COSTS?" AS BRAZIL DID IN 1974 AND IS EXPECTED TO DO AGAIN THIS FALL. FYI. HAITI AND PANAMA ALSO ASKED TO ATTEND THIS FALL'S LF/MF CONFERENCE AS OBSERVERS, BUT WHEN INFORMED THEY COULD DO SO IF THEY PAID THEIR PROPORTIONATE ASSESSMENT THEREFORE, THEY DROPPED FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION. END FYI.

5. IN CONCLUSION BUTLER URGED UTMOST PRUDENCE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNOFFICIAL TEAM EITHER AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OR IN THE VISITORS' GALLERY. HE RECOMMENDS NOT MORE THAN ONE OR TWO AT A TIME IN THE BUILDING, AT THE SNACK BARS OR IN THE VISITORS' GALLERY, NEVER ALL FIVE. HE RECOMMENDS THAT US TEAM CONSIDER SETTING UP OFFICES AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, FOR EXAMPLE, AND INVITING INTERESTED DELEGATES TO VISIT THEM THERE DURING THE CONFERENCE.DALE

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